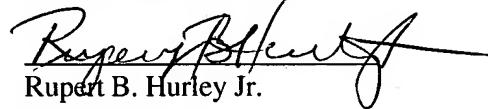


**REMARKS**

**The Pending Claims and the Amendments to the Claims**

With the entry of the amendment above, the pending claims are Claims 15 through 36. Claims 1-14 stand cancelled. Applicants cancelled Claims 1-14 because they were originally prepared in a format suitable for filing in Europe. New Claims 15-36 cover essentially the same subject matter, but have been placed in a form in accordance with standard US patent practice. New Claims 15-36 include no new matter. Cancellation of Claims 1-14 and entry of new Claims 15-36 is earnestly solicited.

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